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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Marisol Figueroa

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 13** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Melpignano et al. U.S. Publication No. 2003/0003912 A1.**

Regarding claims 1 and 8, Melpignano discloses a wireless communication system, comprising:

a first communication device (Access Point AP1) for carrying out an inquiry and paging with respect to a wireless communication device (Mobile Terminal MT) located within a communication allowance range (P.0060; P.0075; when the mobile terminal is located within the range of an access point or Bluetooth device, it is found by a discovery/inquiry procedure according to Bluetooth standards), and starting a connection with the wireless communication device (P.0080, lines 1-5); and

a second communication device (Access Point AP2) for receiving and transmitting data with the wireless communication device (Mobile Terminal MT) when the wireless communication device connected with the first communication device is cut off by a hard hand-off (P.0019, lines 1-6; P.0092, lines 1-4; P.0095, lines 1-7; P.0100-P.0102; the mobile terminal sends a handoff request to its currently connected AP1, the AP1 transmits a multicast page to its neighbors access points AP2,

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AP3 which start paging the mobile terminal and the mobile terminal responds to the closest access point AP2);

wherein the first communication device, if connected with the wireless communication device, transmits to the second communication device information on an address and a clock of the wireless communication device which are determined based on the inquiry (P.0014, lines 8-11; P.0100; P.0101, lines 1-5; the AP1 still connected with the mobile terminal and after receiving a handoff request from it, the AP1 transmits paging information about the mobile terminal to the neighbor AP's, it is inherent to recognize that this paging information was acquired in a previous page inquiry carried by the AP1 to the MT); and if the first communication device is disconnected with the wireless communication device, the second communication device carries out paging with respect to the wireless communication device based on the received information on the address and clock to start a connection with the wireless communication device (P.0102-0103).

Regarding claims 2 and 9, Melpignano discloses the wireless communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first communication device and the second communication device are connected by a wire network (P.0059, lines 1-12).

Regarding claims 3 and 10, Melpignano discloses the wireless communication system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first communication device, the second communication device, and the wireless communication device are respectively provided with a Bluetooth system (P.0013, lines 4-8; P.0060, lines 1-3).

Regarding claims 4 and 11, Melpignano discloses the wireless communication system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first communication device, after being connected with the wireless communication device, checks a connection state with the wireless communication device at every predetermined period (P.0092; if the mobile terminal does not have the capability to measure the

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link quality, the access point initiates the handoff; it is common knowledge that this measurements are made periodically), and, if the first communication device is disconnected from the wireless communication device, the second communication device is instructed to perform the paging with respect to the wireless communication device (P.0100-0102).

Regarding claim 5, Melpignano discloses the wireless communication system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second communication device is instructed by the first communication device (P.0100; P.0102; the AP1 informs its neighbors AP's of a handoff request therefore starting paging the mobile terminal).

Regarding claims 7 and 13, Melpignano discloses the wireless communication system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the wireless communication device scans the paging carried out by the second communication device (P.0093; P.0100-0102; the mobile terminal enters into a continuous page scan after the handoff request).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 6 and 12** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Melpignano et al. in view of Mandhyan et al. U.S. Publication No. 2003/0054767 A1.

Regarding claims 6 and 12, Melpignano discloses the wireless communication system as claimed in claim 4, however fails to disclose wherein data packets received and transmitted after the

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connection of the first communication device with the wireless communication device comprise an activation address indicating an activation state of the wireless communication device, and if the activation address is not received through a time slot of a predetermined period allocated to the wireless communication device, the first communication device decides that the connection with the wireless communication device is cut off. Mandhyan teaches a method for establishing network connections in a piconet (P.0024; P.0039) in where a master unit sends inquiry packets and receives an inquiry reply; e.g. address and clock of the discovered devices. In such connection procedure, when a slave unit responds, it enters in a slave response substate, e.g. active mode, and if the slave responds within a timeout period it is in connected state with the master, however if no response is made before the timeout period no connection is made (P.0050-0052). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to establish a predetermined period for a response as taught by Mandhyan, in order for the Bluetooth devices to be awake at predetermined periods of time thus saving power in the devices.

Prior Art of Record

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

(a) **Davies et al.** (US 6,816,730 B2): Message Handover for Networked Beacons

(b) **Watanabe et al.** (US 6,834,192 B1): Method, and Associated Apparatus, for Effectuating Handover of Communication in a Bluetooth, or Other, Radio Communication System

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Conclusion

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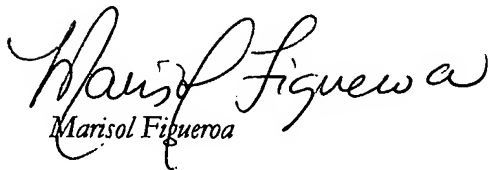
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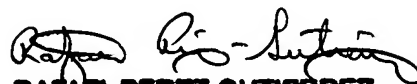
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